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REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 17-27 are pending and claims 1, 2, 4, 8, and 17-24 stand rejected. Applicant appreciates the recognition of the allowable subject matter in claims 3, 5-7, 9, and 25-27. Based upon an interview with the examiner, Applicant believes that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

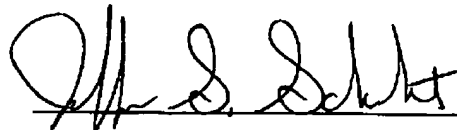
CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests that independent claims 1, 17, and 21 be amended as described above and advanced toward issuance. If Examiner has any questions, comments, or suggestions, the undersigned attorney would welcome and encourage a telephone conference at (512) 288-6635.

No fee is believed due with this paper. However, if any fee is determined to be required, the Office is authorized to charge Deposit Account 50-3295 for any such required fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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